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Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill Parish Magazine



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This magazine is one of the ways we are fulfilling our Vision



The Season for Remembering.



The Church of England Lectionary year at the beginning of November reminds us we have entered the season for *remembering*. Churches everywhere will be commemorating *i.e.* remembering together 'All Saints' - those outstanding Christians, who throughout the ages have inspired us. Whilst on All Souls' we remember our dear departed whose memories we cherish. Our relatives and friends who are now at rest.

In this season of remembering, we also have Remembrance Sunday, when we remember those dear departed who lost their lives whilst serving their country in time of war and conflict. This year the world has been shaken and

deeply shocked that Russia began a sudden and unprovoked war against its neighbour Ukraine. Our prayers are with the suffering people of Ukraine, for the war to end, that peace and justice may again prevail, and refugees can return home in safety. We pray also for the Russian people, many who have been dragged into this war against their will and who desire more democratic government in the face of what may be perceived as increased dictatorship by the ruling elite.

So why do we say prayers and remember those who have departed this life? It is a firm Christian belief that those who have died in faith by God's Grace, have entered new life in the Kingdom of God. Remember the words of Jesus on the cross to the penitent thief, 'Today you will be with me in Paradise'.

Our faith is a spectacular one built on holy Love. God the Father sent Jesus his Son to tell of His Love and whose Spirit now comes to each of us with gifts to *enable* and to help us grow in faith and love. Our Creeds remind us of that heavenly place where "angels, archangels and the whole company of heaven praise God for evermore with their perpetual song: *'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory; glory be to thee, O Lord most High.'"*

So what do we mean by glory? Christians believe a bond is forged in this life between our soul and our Creator - the source of eternal life and that unique relationship is such that bodily death cannot sever it. We regularly affirm this belief in our Creeds in which we say, 'We believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.'

Those who loved us whilst alive on earth surely continue to love us in their new life. I personally believe the blessed company of heaven continue to love, pray and care for us as we do them - and we feel the strength and love that flows across that *thin veil*. Those who believe - are inheritors of the Kingdom of God. In our time of remembering then, let us be still for a while and listening with the ear of faith hear Jesus saying, *'Because I live, you shall live also.'*

Reverend Warren Williams

Signpost - The Parish Magazine

This magazine is created by volunteers from the Anglican Churches in the Benefices of Winscombe, Sandford with Churchill. It aims to serve and reach out to the local village communities and in doing so provide opportunities for the residents to become more aware of activities across all Christian denominations and within our villages.

Next Month's Magazine

The deadline for the December Magazine is Sunday 13th November's. Please submit items as Word documents to <u>parishmag2@gmail.com</u> which should be no longer than 400 words. If you are including photographs please ensure that you have the permission of anyone appearing in the photograph for them to be published in this magazine. Please supply high resolution photographs as jpegs.

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- Our Vision: find out about our plans for the future
- Church Life: our activities and groups
- Our Podcasts and Videos: a library of Church services to watch or listen to
- Parish Magazine: download the latest copy and find out how to contribute
- Hire A Venue: how to hire our Church Centre, Churches and meeting rooms

How To Find Our Churches - If you need directions to:-

- St James the Great Church, Church Lane, Winscombe, BS25 1DE
- All Saints Church, Hill Road, Sandford, BS25 5NY
- St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Churchill, BS25 5QW
- Church Centre, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA

Please use your Satnav with the postcodes, or visit the website www.achurchnearyou.com



Remembrance Sunday Sunday 13th November 2022

Our Services



St James's, Winscombe 10.50 am All Saints, Sandford 10.50 am St John's, Churchill 10.50 am

All Welcome

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

The Role of Honour for Our Villages First World War 1914 - 1918



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Members of Churchill Choirs Killed by a Bomb on Dolebury Warren

Percival Trevor Coles (aged 13) Mervyn Wookey (aged 13)

UN Peacekeeping Force Balkans 1997 Gareth Evans

Remembrance Day in Weston-Super-Mare

Weston-super-Mare will again fall silent on 13th November at 11:00 am to remember those who have served the country through our Armed Forces. Grove Park is expected to be packed with thousands of people for Remembrance Sunday.

A parade of cadets, military personnel - past and present - scouts and guides will set off from the High Street on Sunday at 10.25 am, accompanied by Weston Brass Band. A service, featuring hymns, wreath laying and the national anthem will follow. A two-minute silence will be observed at 11.00 am.

People attending the service at Grove Park are asked to print off, or even better read from their phone, an order of service, which can be found online at https://wsm-tc.gov.uk/news-events/grove-park-remembrance-sunday/ This will help to ensure that there are enough copies for everyone and help to save the environment.

A field of remembrance will be set up to the right of the war memorial, where people are allowed to leave tributes to the fallen. However, organisers ask that this is not done during the service.



Sandford & Churchill Fellowship

Our meetings for November are as follows:

Tuesday 1st November - Ken Young Tuesday 15th November - Moria Cowell Tuesday 29th November - Reverend Julie Sims at Churchill Methodist Church 2.30 pm

Do come along for a time of worship, friendship and fellowship together with interesting talks.

For more information contact Ann Pursey on 01934 823234 or Eileen Westlake on 01934 822433

The Ordination of Deacons in Bath and Wells



Wells Cathedral was filled with family, friends and supporters for The Ordination of Deacons at Wells Cathedral on Sunday 2nd October. It was the first time since the pandemic that there were no restrictions on the numbers able to come and celebrate together.

11 were ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Taunton, the Rt. Reverend Ruth Worsley.

In her charge to the new deacons, Bishop Ruth said, "You will have given much thought to the words of the ordinal about what a deacon is

called to do. I know that you will have been struck by the challenge to reach into the forgotten corners of the world that the love of God may be made visible. I have encouraged you to reflect on what are the forgotten or hidden corners in your own experience, and to step into those places.... to step out of your comfort zones and see what you might discover."

Our own Curate, Jacqui Keir-Bucknall was one of those ordained. Many members of the churches in Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill attended the service which was followed by celebratory refreshments where personal congratulations were offered to Jacqui. We look forward to Reverend Jacqui continuing her ministry amongst us.



Tom Yacomeni (Area Dean), Bishop Ruth, Jacqui Keir-Bucknall and Reverend Andrew Hiscox

All Saints Church Community Café



The October Cafe raised £264.81 including Gift Aid. Many thanks to all those who supported us.

Our next Cafe will be our Christmas Cafe **Saturday 5th November** at All Saints Charity Christmas Cards Raffle for Christmas Hamper and other prizes



We serve coffee, a variety of teas and soft drinks along with homemade Cakes, biscuits and soup.

We look forward to seeing you again.

There will be no in Cafe in December. We re-open on Saturday 7th January 2023



Society

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Box Opening Coffee Morning

Thank you so much all those who came to the Box Opening Coffee Morning – your boxes were opened and counted and we raised almost £2000! This sum will increase as we still have several boxes outstanding. Your support and generosity is amazing and Jess Meale, our Communities Relationship

Manager in the South West, has asked me to say just how grateful the Children's Society is for such outstanding support. The need for our help has never been greater and every penny we raise means that more children can be supported in whatever manner they need. Thank you.



Annual Christingle Service

Our next event is the Christingle Service which will be on Sunday 11th December at 3.00 pm in St James's Church – we hope to see lots of families at this very special, child-centred Service.

Winscombe St James' Children's Society Committee



Refresh-men-t started on 17th February 2018, so it is approaching 5 years since we decided that men needed somewhere to go on a Saturday morning for Food, Friendship and Inspiration. We expected 21 to come on that day to the Woodborough Inn in Winscombe for a Full English Breakfast, however 26 turned up.

From the records I have found that in the first year we had 10 meetings with the numbers averaging 24. We consumed 474 rashers of bacon and 80 litres of coffee. Sadly in April 2019 we were forced to relocate. We had a couple of meetings in the Church Centre and, after evaluating other venues, we moved to The Railway Inn in Sandford, where we have been ever since.

During the pandemic we had to close. After starting back in September 2021, up to and including March this year, we averaged 29. After The Railway increased their prices and wanted a minimum of 20 covers, we have struggled with numbers, and have had to eat into our small reserves to meet the costs. We are now at a crossroads.

At our recent meeting on Saturday 15th October, Andrew spelt out our two options. We can call it a day when our reserves run out, or somehow get our numbers up, to make it viable to stay at The Railway. On a vote no one wanted to close. In the past we have had lady speakers, with some lined up for the future, and presentations from Archdeacon Adrian and Bishop Michael will be interesting to a wider audience including ladies. It was suggested, therefore, that to increase numbers we should open our meetings to ladies. Although this would go against our original aim of a men's fellowship and support group, it was recognised, on a clear show of hands, that inviting ladies could be the way forward.

Our speaker on the 15th was one of our own, David Hurst. He spoke about his experiences with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), supplemented with graphic slides of the aircraft they use and the rather hilly and bumpy airstrips constructed by hand by the local villagers. At the start of his presentation he thanked the men for their support to him with his recent prostate cancer. Thankfully he is now in remission and he urged all the men to get a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test, irrespective of any symptoms, for early diagnosis of the cancer.

Ladies will be invited to our next meeting on Saturday 19th November at 9.30 am, when our speaker will be The Venerable Dr Adrian Youings, Archdeacon of Bath. He has a doctorate in cider and his talk will be 'Cider to Ministry'. A very appropriate title for our venue at Thatchers The Railway, at Myrtle Farm.

The menu will be a Full English Breakfast from the Buffet. As much as you like of bacon, sausages, mushrooms, grilled tomatoes, baked beans, fried or scrambled eggs, plus toast and tea, coffee and orange juice. Cost £13.00. Enough to last you for the day.

If you have special dietary needs please let Tim know when making a booking, as an alternative may be available in special circumstances.

Please contact Tim Harland on 01934 843248, by Monday 14th November, to reserve your place.

In line with our invitation to the ladies we have rebranded ourselves as

Refreshment Breakfast

Thank you for your support in the past and we look forward to meeting you all next month and in the future.

Douglas Ogram

On behalf of the Refreshment Organising Team



Messy Church in October



Our theme, for October, was Jesus's parable of The Sower (The Farmer and the Seed.) Tim Harland, aided by Teddy Wood, presented the story-drama to the group, complete with birds pecking up some of the seed on the ground, dead plants in one flower pot, weeds in another, and finally a beautiful fuchsia was revealed in the pot containing good soil.

We tried a new song that the Cantello family had learned while at Spring Harvest, requiring quite a workout to keep up with the actions! If you want to try it's called "God Suit On" and it's on YouTube. Or you can find it on our

Facebook page: winsand churches messy church

The families who come to Messy Church really value it and we are grateful for their appreciative Whatsapp messages afterwards. We had 4 different crafts that the children enjoyed, but his time it was Chris Hayter's 'eggy-heads' which caught our families' imagination and we enjoyed seeing photos posted of the "hair" which had grown a week or so later.

Since the pandemic, life has got very busy again for families with school-aged children: - catching up for the 2 years where all our activities and experiences were restricted! Please join us in praying that parents who cherish their own Christian faith and have primary school-aged children will CHOOSE to make Messy Church a PRIORITY for the one Saturday afternoon a month on which it occurs. We need this to happen to maintain a thriving and welcoming atmosphere for others to come and join.

Our next session is on Saturday 12th November from 2.30 to 4.00 pm at the Church Centre.





Quiz for Christian Aid's East Africa Hunger Appeal



East Africa is facing the worst drought for 40 years after four consecutive failed rainy seasons. 18.4 million people in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia are missing meals or eating a less diverse diet. Women and girls are particularly

affected. People are taking desperate measures to survive. More than one million have abandoned their homes in search of food, water and pasture for livestock.

Christian Aid is working with partner organisations in several of the countries in this region:

- Helping more than 300,000 people with safe, clean water
- Providing emergency food supplies for families where necessary
- Supplying animal feed and medicine to keep valuable livestock alive
- Training health volunteers on safe sanitation to prevent the spread of disease

A short case study: Nibabo Beniyam, mother of six children, is now able to collect water from a nearby water point, thanks to the Christian Aid/Action for Development (AFD) project, in Malle Woreda, South Omo zone, Ethiopia. Before she and her community had to walk long distances for unclean water, exposing the family to water borne diseases. Currently ongoing drought causes hunger. "We are selling our cattle, goats and sheep to buy food for the household."

The local Christian Aid Committee in Winscombe and Sandford organised a Quiz evening on 14th October to raise funds for this urgent Christian Aid Appeal. With the help Stuart our Quizmaster, a raffle and several donors a total of £510 was raised. The committee are grateful for those who supported the occasion, including the local Christian Aid representative, David Hart, who joined us for the evening.

If you missed the Quiz but would like to donate, please make contact with Janet Corry (Chair, 01934 842657) or John Hayter (Treasurer, 01934 844656)



Winscombe Community Association CHRISTIAN FATR SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER

9.30 – 12.30

Winscombe Community Centre, Sandford Rd, Winscombe



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November Quiz

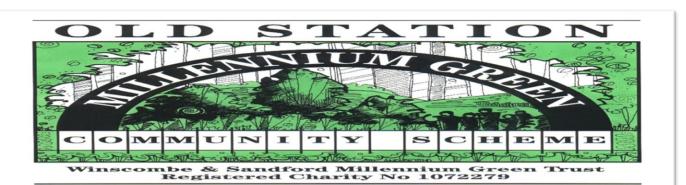
'Remember, remember the fifth of November, Gunpowder, treason and plot.'



This month's quiz is on the theme of fireworks.

- 1. Which gingerbread cake, traditionally made with oatmeal and black treacle, is associated with Guy Fawkes Night?
- 2. What sort of pet is Fawkes in the Harry Potter books?
- 3. Fireworks were originally invented in which country?
- 4. What girl's name is giving to the firework that spins round and round when fixed to something solid?
- 5. What is the name for the fear of loud sounds like those caused by fireworks?
- 6. Which 'P' is the technical term for making and displaying fireworks?
- 7. Who wrote 'Music for the Royal Fireworks'?
- 8. In which English county would you find the Lewes Bonfire?
- 9. Which King was the first to have fireworks at his wedding?
- 10. 'Firework' is a 2010 song by which female, American artist?

Answers can be found on page 33



Old Station Millennium Green <u>Jumble Sale</u> Winscombe 2.00 pm Saturday 5th November Winscombe Community Centre BS25 1JA

Please support this fundraising event for the Millennium Green community site. Anything saleable, including white elephant, books, toys and bric-a-brac to cakes and produce appreciated. Items can be dropped at the Centre between 9.30 and 12 pm on the day or phone 01934 843461 for help.

** Have a 'turn-out' for us or come along and 'rummage' **

Organisers: Winscombe & Sandford Millennium Green Trust

Lynch Chapel News

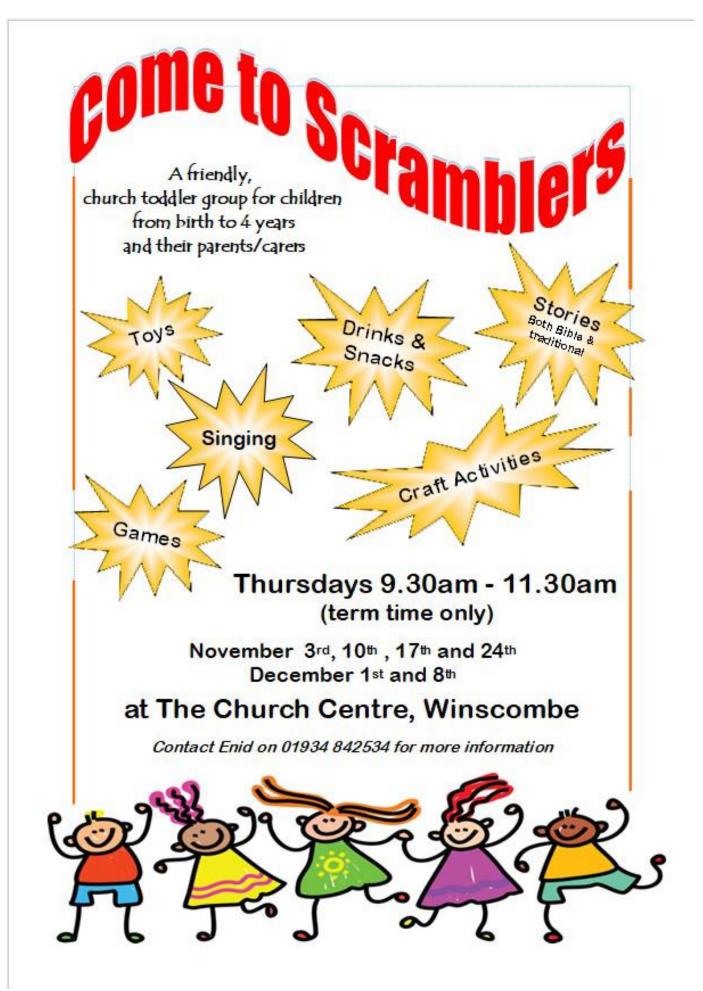
A song says, 'I believe the children are our future, Teach them well and let them lead the way, Show them all the beauty they possess inside', and at Lynch Chapel we are keen to encourage and engage with children whether they attend church regularly or not.

Although, like many churches, we only have a small number of children who come to our church, they are a very important part of our church community. We are also in touch with children in many different ways. Some of our members take part in the weekly assembly at Winscombe School and some are involved with Scramblers, which is for young children and meets in the village. We are lucky to have the nursery which meets in our school room and vestry, and our prayer time before each service is often held around a model pond or farm. Another way in which we link to young people is our family film club which is due to restart on Saturday 26th November from 3.00 pm until 5.00 pm. Children must be accompanied and we show a family film and refreshments are available.

Before the pandemic started, we held a termly Young People's concert to encourage young musicians to come and perform at the chapel. We are reinstating our concerts with the first one taking place at 3.00 pm on Saturday 19th November. This helps children to have a reason to rehearse, and also gives them an opportunity to perform in front of people who aren't well known to them. The concert is for any level of expertise from beginner to more advanced. Everyone is very welcome to come and listen, and if you know any person who is of school age and would like to perform, please ask them to contact Alison at <u>alison.waite5@btinternet.com</u>.

During our services, we offer activities for children and we would love to see any children at our service on Sundays at 10.30 am. Children are always welcomed in chapel and there is no need to worry about keeping them quiet. As Jesus said *'Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.'*







Folk at Christmas

BadgerSet are back with a miscellany of Christmas-themed songs, dances, readings and tunes.

St James's Church, Winscombe BS25 1DE

Saturday 3rd December at 7:30pm

Tickets £10.00 available from Winscombe Post Office, The Wine Shop

Martin Hagen - <u>hagen.martin@gmail.com</u> (01934 842511) Derrick Claridge (01934 843014) *Proceeds in aid of Winscombe and Sandford Church Funds*

BadgerSet Return! – Saturday 3rd December 2022

St James's Church, Winscombe BS25

BadgerSet return to Winscombe with their Christmas show at St James's Church on Saturday 3rd December and it promises to be just as entertaining as usual. They have been busy rehearsing since July and will perform some wonderful new songs as well as well-known Christmas favourites.

The concert has been a great start to the Christmas season in Winscombe for several years now. As usual, expect to see and hear a very wide variety of seasonal songs and tunes as well as traditional dances from the south of England.

More than a little humour might creep in here and there, and you will be asked to join in every now and then in some familiar carols. If you've been to one of their previous concerts, then you know what to expect. If not, then why not come and find out?

Folk music is not just about strumming guitars. BadgerSet's expert musicianship, great harmonies and humour will bring a wonderful start to the Christmas season. And as always, expect the unexpected!

All proceeds from this event will be for St James's and All Saints Church funds so book your tickets now!

Doors open at 7:00pm and the show starts at 7:30pm.

Tickets are £10 (under 16s £5.00) and include a glass of wine or soft drink and seasonal refreshments and are available from:

Winscombe Post Office

Martin Hagen (01934 842511) or by email at hagen.martin@gmail.com

Derrick Claridge (01934 843014)

Mendip Folk Dance Club

Mondays 14th and 28th November The Church Centre (St. James' Church Hall), Winscombe BS25 1BA 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm £3 per person New dancers welcome (first night free of charge) For further details contact Pat 01934 742853

Woodborough Green

Woodborough Green was almost triangular in shape in the 17th century and probably had not changed much from considerably earlier.

It extended from the west end of Sidcot Lane and north as far as the grounds of the Community Centre. The line of the present road is at a little distance within the original green and part of the present building line on the east side marks the original edge of the Green. From the north it followed the line of Nippor's Way past the Church Centre to a point west of the railway embankment. From here the boundary ran east, south of the present line of The Green, to meet Sidcot Lane again. The total area was in the region of 15 acres.

Since the mediaeval period the present road system and many buildings have gradually encroached upon Woodborough Green. The earliest known map of Woodborough was discovered relatively recently and is now in the Somerset Heritage Centre after undergoing conservation. This is dated to the 17th century and shows the location of mining activity in the area between Woodborough Crescent and The Green. The mining was for calamine, now recognised as an oxide of zinc, essential in the production of brass. Mining continued here until at least the late 18th century as a lease dated 1 April 1791 held in Wells Cathedral library states: *'granted to John Purnell, Isaac Hancock of Bristol and Arthur and Thomas Hancock of Winscombe, miners, All and all manner of Mines of Copper, Lead and Calamine or any other Minerals that may be found out or discovered by digging delving sinking or otherwise in upon or under all that waste or Common called Woodberrow Green otherwise Woodberrow Common . . .'*



A section of the mining map (north is to the right) showing the winding gear for the pits. The line of The Green can be seen faintly to the northeast and the boundary of Woodborough Green is shown on the left (south) – where today it meets Woodborough Crescent, formerly a field once known as Gilly Witches.

Another incursion into the Green was the construction of a road between Hillyfields and the road towards Banwell sometime between 1792 and 1799. This was called New Road and is shown on the 1799 map. This is particularly interesting as recent archaeological landscape surveying has identified this as on same the line of a road that once ran between Hillyfields and Winterhead.

The connection between Woodborough (originally Udeberga or Udeberge in the Domesday Book) and Winterhead was once of some importance as it was recorded in 1353 that John de Barton obtained a licence to hold services at the oratory of Wodeborge and Wyntred (*i.e.* Woodborough and Winterhead). The location of this oratory is yet to be discovered. Could it have been close to Woodborough Green?

John Matthews.

The mediaeval history of Winscombe has been recorded in depth by the late Professor Mick Aston and a team of researchers, and published over a number of years in volumes of *Somerset Archaeology and Natural History*.



Winscombe and Sandford Festival and Flags Group - What next in 2023?

Did you enjoy the Platinum Jubilee Grand Festival in June? Would you like another celebration or event for our community? Have you any ideas for an event next year?

Come and join us at an open meeting on Wednesday 30th November Ground floor of The Winscombe Club, 7 Sandford Rd, BS25 1HD. 7:00 for 7:30 pm start.

All welcome.

Any questions contact Alison 07776 235435 or email alisonparmj@aol.com

The first 15 minutes will be the Annual General Meeting.

Followed by informal discussion.



The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society

The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society runs two minibuses and operates a schedule of trips every month to shops in Wells, Nailsea, Clevedon, Worle and Weston. In addition it also provides transport for members to their healthcare appointments and subject to availability runs non scheduled trips for its members.

In the past these have included Churchill Music, Theatres, Cinema, pub lunches, trips to the coast and social events etc.

To see the current schedule of trips please visit

https://www.churchillpc.org.uk/Minibus_Society_36635.aspx

To become a Society member of the Community transport scheme please contact one of the organisers listed on the schedule of trips who will explain about the trips and how to enrol as a member.

The Society is always looking to recruit new organisers and drivers so if you have some spare time then we would love to hear from you. The Chairman's details are on the journey schedule.

The Society also provides the opportunity to make new friends and help you reduce your carbon footprint.

Rainbows is at risk of temporary closure if we do not find another leader to join us for weekly sessions. Please consider joining our team and helping us stay open.



To find out more visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested



'Save The Children' Lunches



at Shipham Village Hall

Save the

Children

Our lunches will be served at 12.30pm on

Fridays 4th and 18th November Friday 2nd December

Join us for soup, bread, cheese, pickle and homemade biscuits, tea or coffee £4.50

Payments will be taken on the door and all profits go to Save the Children charity.

For further details contact Amanda Firth on 01934 844232



Churchill Music! Saturday 3rd December Churchill All Saints Church Wrington BS40 5LF 7.30 pm MUSIC Leia Zhu: the violin girl with Alison Blundell, piano



At the age of four, Leia made her solo debut in the Northeast Last Night of the Proms in Newcastle City Hall in front of thousands. Since then, Leia has performed with eminent ensembles and orchestras across the globe.

By the age of 12, Leia had performed at some of the most prestigious concert halls in more than 18 countries; at the same age in 2019, Leia became the youngest artist to be managed by the London based global agent Harrison Parrott.

Leia was appointed artist in residence with the London Mozart Players in 2021; she embeds herself within the orchestra, performing as featured soloist. Leia also plays a crucial role in the orchestra's community residencies in Croydon and Hastings, inspiring and motivating her peers through educational projects.

During the pandemic, in August 2021, Leia performed Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso by Saint Saens with the London Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Sir Simon Rattle. Thousands watched the performance live in London's Trafalgar Square which was live streamed worldwide and is available on YouTube.

Leia is totally inspirational. She will be accompanied by Alison Blundell. Another Churchill Music concert that cannot be missed.

Tickets

Champions of Churchill Music: £14.50; non-Champions £18.50; Under 18s £1. Available online from *Ticketsource* or tickets@churchillmusic.org.uk or contact Holly on 07442 672805



News from Winscombe Probus

We have two meetings in November with visiting speakers.

Monday 14th November: 'Christmas Delights', a presentation by Tim & Gina Merrett Monday 28th November: 'The Matthew', Clive Burlton will talk about the modern caravel "Matthew", a replica of the vessel that carried the Pilgrim Fathers to America.

We meet at the Winscombe Community Centre at 10.15am for a coffee before the presentation, and finish at midday.

If interested call David Martin on 01934 844327 or just turn up and introduce yourself to our greeter at the coffee hatch.



Supporting Your Local Foodbanks

Our Churches support the **Cheddar Valley Foodbank** and the Foodbank based at the **For All Healthy Living Centre** in Bournville, Weston-Super-Mare.



There are collection baskets for each village in each of the churches and at the Church Centre.

The foodbanks also appreciate cash donations which can be used to buy items in particular need or provide vouchers that can be spent on food in local supermarkets.

Cash donations can be placed in the postbox at the Church Centre in Winscombe. Please label to show whether your donation is for the Cheddar Foodbank or the For All Healthy Living Centre

Looking towards Christmas, seasonal treats are also very welcome such as Christmas puddings, cakes, mince pies, chocolate etc. Gifts of money will be used to buy vouchers to enable users of the Foodbank to buy the fresh ingredients for a Christmas Dinner.

Supporting the Cost of Living Crisis in our Communities

Your local churches in Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill have been considering what their response should be to the cost of living crisis.



Warm Spaces: we already provide a warm and welcoming environment at Tuesday Coffee Mornings in the Church Centre. How and where else could we help provide warm spaces?

Kindness Cupboard: we donate regularly to the Foodbanks in Weston and Cheddar but is there a need for something based in our villages?

What else could we do to support people in need in our communities this winter?

Do you have ideas? We need to know what they are.

Are you interested in helping to organise this kind of community outreach in support of our vision?

If so please contact Reverend Andrew Hiscox by telephone 07970 011502 or email rev.andrew.hiscox@hotmail.com or write a note and put it in the post box at the Church Centre.

Come to ...

Carols by Lantern Light with Weston Brass

Church Centre Car Park

Woodborough Road, Winscombe

Saturday 10th December

at 5.30pm

Gates open 4.30pm Santa arrives at 4.45pm

Santa's Grotto Refreshments

Bring a lantern or torch Free event for all ages

Donations for the <u>Foodbank</u> at The All Healthy Living Centre and for St James's Church

| NOVEMBER 2022 – DIARY | | | | |
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| TUES 1 | 10.00am | Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room | | |
| | 10.30am | Coffee Morning – Church Centre | | |
| WED 2 | 7.15pm | Choir Practice – St James's | | |
| | 7.30pm | Sandford & District Gardening Club – Sandford Village Hall | | |
| THURS 3 | 9.30 | Scramblers - Church Centre | | |
| | 10.00am | Communion in the Community - Dunster Court | | |
| | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing – St James's | | |
| SAT 5 | 10.30-12.30 | Community Café – All Saints Church | | |
| | 2.00pm | Jumble Sale in aid of Millennium Green – Community Centre | | |
| SUN 6 | 3 rd SUNDAY E | SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT See opposite page for details of Services | | |
| TUES 8 | 10.00am | Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room | | |
| | 10.30am | Coffee Morning – Church Centre | | |
| WED 9 | 7.00pm | Winscombe WI – Church Centre | | |
| | 7.15pm | Choir Practice | | |
| THURS 10 | 9.30am | Scramblers - Church Centre | | |
| | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing – St James's | | |
| FRI 11 | 6.30pm | Christian Aid Quiz Night – Church Centre | | |
| SAT 12 | 9.00-1.00 | Winscombe Saturday Market – Community Centre | | |
| | 9.30am | Refresh-Men-+ - The Railway Inn, Sandford | | |
| | 2.30-4.00 | Messy Church – Church Centre | | |
| SUN 13 | | ICE SUNDAY See opposite page and page 5 for details of Services | | |
| TUES 15 | 10.00am | Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room | | |
| | 10.30am | Coffee Morning – Church Centre | | |
| | 7.30pm | Friends of St James's AGM followed by talk: | | |
| | | Jesse the Hawk – an introduction to Falcolnry. Church Centre. | | |
| WED 16 | 2.45pm | Communion in the Community – Sewell House | | |
| | 7.15pm | Choir Practice – St James's | | |
| THURS 17 | 9.30am | Scramblers - Church Centre | | |
| . | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing – St James's | | |
| SUN 20 | | KING See opposite page for details of Services | | |
| TUES 22 | 10.00am | Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room | | |
| | 10.30am | Coffee Morning – Church Centre | | |
| WED 23 | 7.15pm | Choir Practice – St James;s | | |
| THURS 24 | 9.30am | Scramblers - Church Centre | | |
| •···· | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing – St James's | | |
| SUN 27 | | IDAY See opposite page for details of Services | | |
| TUES 29 | 10.00am | Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room | | |
| | 10.30am | Coffee Morning – Church Centre | | |
| WED 30 | 7.15pm | Choir Practice – St James's | | |

BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

| Sunday 6 th November | Sunday 13 th November | |
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| Job 19: 23-27 | Malachi 4: 1-2 | |
| Psalm 17: 1-9 | Psalm 98 | |
| 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13- end | 2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13 | |
| Luke 20: 27 -38 | Luke 20: 27-38 | AND FLORE |
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| Sunday 20 th November | Sunday 27 th November | |
| Jeremiah 23: 1-16 | Isaiah 2: 1-5 | |
| Psalm 46 | Psalm 122 | |
| Colossians 1: 11-20 | Romans 13: 11-end | |
| Luke 23: 33-40 | Matthew 24:36-44 | |

Church Service Times Opportunities to Worship in November

| 8.00 am 10.00 am | St James's Church Centre | BCP Holy Communion Café Church | | | |
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| 10.50 am | St James's | Remembrance Service Remembrance Service | | | |
| 10.50 am | St John's | Remembrance Service | | | |
| 10.00 am | Church Centre | Family Holy Communion | | | |
| 11.00 am | All Saints | Parish Praise | | | |
| 9.30 am | St James's | Holy Communion | | | |
| 11.00 am | All Saints | Morning Worship | | | |
| 11.00 am | St John's | Holy Communion | | | |
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| All Saints | 10.00 am | Holy Communion | | | |
| Special Services November | | | | | |
| Dunster Court Sewell House | 10.00 am 2.45 pm | Communion in the Community Communion in the Community | | | |
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Our love and sympathy go to the families and friends of

Sue Denyer whose ashes were buried at St James's Church, Winscombe on Wednesday 21st September 2022.

Christopher Ballard whose funeral took place at Weston Crematorium on Friday 7th October 2022.

Elsie Dick whose funeral took place at St James's Church, Winscombe on Monday 17th October 2022.

Five things you might not know about the story of Bonfire Night.



417 years on from the foiled Gunpowder Plot, celebrations continue to mark 5th November. Guy Fawkes has been immortalised in popular culture, as one of England's most infamous figures. But why was this event significant and what was Guy Fawkes' role? And why do we celebrate a failed assassination attempt with fireworks?

1. Guy Fawkes wasn't the ringleader.

The real mastermind behind the plot was Robert Catesby, a fanatical Catholic, who wanted to convert England from Protestant to Catholic.Guy Fawkes' role was to light the fuse, detonating 36 barrels of gunpowder. His knowledge of explosives came from fighting for Spain against its Protestant enemies.

2. The plotters numbered an unlucky thirteen.

The participants were mainly members of the gentry who shared a devotion to Catholicism. But the group included Catesby's servant, Thomas Bates, who had stumbled across the plot and took the number to thirteen! They were angry that King James had signed a peace treaty with Spain ending their hopes that Spain would invade England and restore Catholicism. The plotters swore an oath on a prayer book and schemed to blow up the Houses of Parliament. They hoped to provoke a catholic uprising by killing the King and his heir, Prince Henry. They then planned to indoctrinate James' young daughter, Elizabeth by installing her on the throne with Catholic noblemen ruling on her behalf.

3. Alterations to the Houses of Parliament gave the plotters their chance.

The original 11th Century building had undergone many changes resulting in a mismatch of meeting rooms, apartments, shops and even taverns within its walls. The many clashing people and businesses meant that there was minimal security. In March 1605 an undercroft below the House of Lords became available, gunpowder was easy to obtain and so Guy Fawkes assumed the identity of 'John Johnson' and began to move the gunpowder to the undercroft.

4. The plot began to unravel several days before 5th November.

A few days before the plot was due to take place Lord Monteagle, a catholic sympathiser received a letter which discouraged him from attending Parliament. He took it to King James' right hand man and despite the King now knowing of the proposed plot, Robert Catesby decided to proceed.

The King ordered searches of Parliament. Guy Fawkes was discovered with a suspicious amount of firewood and the gunpowder was found in the early hours of 5th November. Guy Fawkes was arrested and subsequently tortured for days afterwards. This resulted in a confession and an order for his execution.

5. The guy on the bonfire was originally the Pope.

The Gunpowder Plot became infamous and fuelled anti-Catholic feelings. In 1606 it became mandatory for all English churches to hold a service on 5th November. Soon, other forms of celebration began such as bonfires, puppet shows and official artillery salutes. In 1673 the practice of parading a 'guy' and placing it on top of a bonfire began. At first this was in the form of the Pope but during the 1800s the figure to be burnt became the familiar Guy Fawkes of today.

These days on Bonfire Night the fireworks, bonfire and possibly some warming food take centre stage.



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The Friends of St James' Church, Winscombe

JESSIE the HAWK

An Introduction to Falconry

Tuesday 15th November at 7.30 pm

The Church Centre, Woodborough Road, BS25 1BA

Autumn is now upon us with crisp mornings and falling leaves!!

It is now time to think about our November talk. This year we are very lucky to have Adrian Cobb, from The Butchers shop in Winscombe, bringing his amazing hawk, Jessie, to give us a fascinating talk on falconry.

Adrian Cobb grew up on Exmoor with a keen interest wild life and natural history. His talk will cover every aspect of falconry, birds, equipment, husbandry and his own journey of discovery.

Tickets £10 on the door or from Janet White at the Hampden Clinic, Woodborough Road or any member of the committee.





Every Tuesday throughout November at 10.30 am Church Centre, Winscombe All Welcome



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Sadly, we haven't made chocolate brownies at Girlguiding Strawberry Line for a while but we still do have **GOOD NEWS** - currently we have FOUR spaces available for January term at 2nd Strawberry Line Brownies!!!

Join us by applying online at

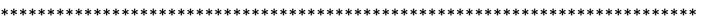
https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-yourdaughter/

(I think we need to have an Outer Space themed day and make these brownies now!)

November Quiz Answers

- 1. Parkin
- 2. A phoenix
- 3. China
- 4. Catherine (Catherine Wheel)
- 5. Photophobia (also known as ligyrophobia or sonophobia)
- 6. Pyrotechnics
- 7. Handel
- 8. East Sussex
- 9. Henry VII

10.Katy Perry





ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION MID-SOMERSET BRANCH NEWS

Royal Air Royal Air Forces Mid-Somerset Branch held a General Branch Meeting on 3rd October at the Street Inn when members discussed the forward programme for 2023 and the Branch responses and inputs to

the Association Annual Conference held on 21st to 23rd October; this was followed by a pub lunch. The future programme will continue as follows:.

Monday 7th November: General Branch Meeting

11:00 am for 11:15 am

At The Street Inn, 1 - 3 Somerton Road, Street, BA16 0DR.

The Branch Meeting will be followed by a presentation "An Ordinary Wartime Airman 1942 to 1945" and then an optional pub lunch.

Saturday 17th December: Branch Christmas Lunch

12:15 pm for 12:45 pm

At Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS.

Members will assemble for drinks in the bar prior to a traditional Christmas three-course lunch; full details, menu and costs will be available soon and published in the December edition.

All events are open to Branch Members, RAFA Members from other Branches, Current and Ex-RAF Service Personnel (Including RAF Reserves), and Members of the "RAF Family".

Please contact the Branch via email rafa.midsomer or telephone the Secretary 01458 224057 for further information.





Men Get Cooking! New Course Dates

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SANDFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

John Dunster gave the apologies and welcomed two new members Brigitte and Chris. He then introduced our speaker Howard Burnett who gave us a very interesting talk about 'Growing Orchids'.

Howard bought his first one for his wife from Neville Orchids and that is where his passion began. Howard got involved with the Somerset Orchid Society and then he trained to be a judge which took three and a half years.

The Orchid family are the largest flowering family with over 30,000 different species and over 100,000 hybrids on the register.



We were told how to care for them, when to water and when you need to re pot them. The seed pods were incredible as the seeds were like dust so could be carried on the air. We were shown some beautiful pictures ! John thanked Howard for his talk.

Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 7.30pm

Sandford Village Hall. A.G.M. followed by a talk entitled "All About Fuschias" by Brian Carlson

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Party

Folk .. Yes but all kinds of music and verse. **Fourth Tuesday each month 7.30 to 10.30 £2** Upstairs Bar, Winscombe Club, 7 Sandford Road. A quiet and respectful acoustic space for performers and audience.

Further information from Nigel Carson, 07551 197 685 or winscombefolkclub@gmail.com. Also on Facebook.



Shrubs

Adding shrubs to your border at this time of the year will give it more structure for next year. Prepare the soil by removing any weeds and fork in plenty of organic matter into the base of the planting hole. Make sure the hole is twice as wide as the pot and the same depth. Firm the shrub in well and keep the woody stem at the same level as it was in the pot. Water well and apply a mulch of compost or well rotted manure, keeping it away from the stem. During dry periods next year keep well watered to enable it to become established.

Brassicas

To prevent damage from gale force winds to brussels sprouts, kale and purple sprouting drive stakes in along side each plant and tie in the stem to keep them upright.

Hippeastrums (Amaryllis)

Potted up now Hippeastrums will flower at some point in the new year. They need a very free draining compost with at least half the huge bulb sitting proud of the surface. These can be kept in a cool place and watered regularly. When the leaves start to appear place them in a position where they will get maximum sunshine and yet not become too hot or dry. Support the stems with a thin stake to carry the weight of the immense flower heads.

Dahlia Tubers

Dahlias will keep flowering at this time of the year until they are cut back by the first frosts. To protect the tubers during the winter they can either be lifted, but with milder winters can be left in the ground and covered with a mound of compost, leaves or bracken.

Leaf Mould

Rake up leaves to make leaf mould. Even a small garden will shed enough to stuff a sack. When the sack is full tie the top securely, then ues a knife to make a few slits in the bag to allow some air to get into the process. Store the bag somewhere in the garden as it will take a year or two before you have the perfect soil improver.

Japanese Maples

These acers generally require little pruning, but if it is needed it should be done now. Prune to a well placed side branch without leaving a stub as this can result in die back.

Soft Fruit

Fruited canes of blackberries, tayberries and loganberries, should be pruned to ground level now and new growth trained in.



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3rd Strawberry Line Guides

Our Guides have been busy for their first half term! So much so, we decided it would be easier to share their newsletter with you so you can see for yourself! We almost couldn't fit everything on the page!!

This term we have been working on our Know Myself theme award. We have been completing Unit Meeting Activities (UMA's) and Skills Builders (SB's) Reflect Stage 4, as well as the Unofficial Guiding badge (fundraising badge made by another Guiding unit) Adventures in the Dark fun badge.

REFLECT STAGE 4 Adventures in the dark UMA minutes My beliefs rock Bat walk Hello my fabulous friend (10) 9/9 Magical, mythical me (ST 3) Nocturnal sounds Fizzy fun (15 SFMF) Which words where? 16/9House of Guiding (20) Glow in dark dances 23/9 Directors cut (45) Braille names 30/9 Constellations Balancing buddies (30) Bat walk 7/10 Pick a card I'm good thanks (30) Moth trap UNICORN BADGE IN A NIGHT (BIAN) During the Unicorn BIAN we completed ve beer Happy Thoughts (Feel Good ST3) undraising 21/10 K is for kindness (30 TA) Dear future me... (30 KM) Checking in (15 BW) Guides that ran the fundraising stall during the Winscombe Show raised a fantastic £67.94 and earned a Fundraising badge Those that attended the Army takeover day have earned their Lead Stage 5 badge. We ran bat walks through the summer, earning the Unit's Bat Walk badge, and went on further walks during meeting times. Brent Knoll Scarecrow trail was a great afternoon and those attending earned a free badge too. As well as the badge earned for Mendip, some of the Guides overcame some personal challenges and have received badges to mark this. Mendip All members of Girlguiding Strawberry Line are being given a Queen Elizabeth memorial badge to mark them badge as being a member of Guiding during the historic moment of her death. We made flowers to create a wall TBC hanging to commemorate her. Guides that wrote and read poems at the Queens service received a Well Done badge. All church attendees for her memorial service also

The activities over the half term are broken down in the table below.

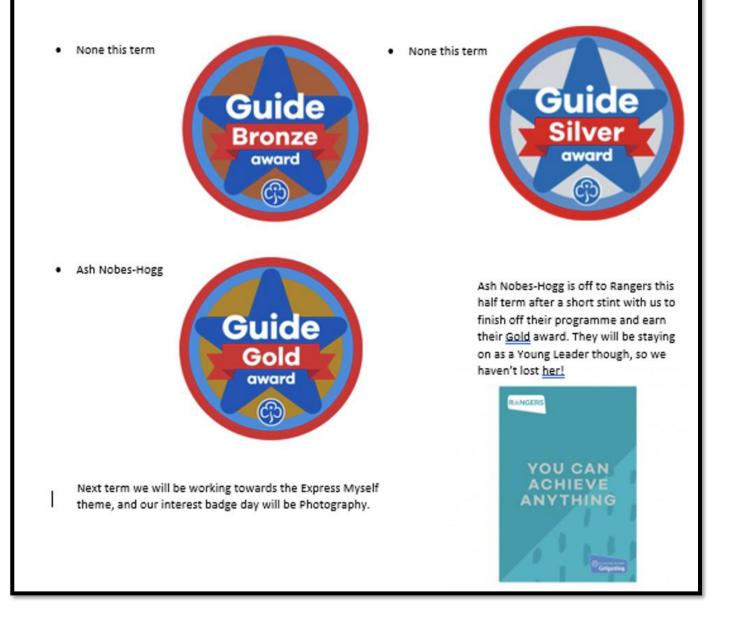
received a church service Dove badge as well.

Over 4 years at Guides, you will complete Skills Builders and Unit Meeting Activities during meetings and sometimes at events and other trips. Once you have completed 1 SB and 240 UMA minutes, plus have completed a Know Myself theme Interest badge (Aspirations, Guiding History, Human Rights or Personal Brand), you will also receive the Theme Award badge.



No one has completed this theme this half term.

To earn the Guide Bronze <u>Award</u> you need to complete two Theme Awards, Silver = four Theme Awards and Gold is six theme awards and all 3 Gold challenges.





RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

The Branch was unable to support the Winscombe Village Fair on Saturday 10th September and, likewise, on Saturday 17th, our members were unable to represent the RNLI at the Bristol Sea Shanty Festival. However, as the Festival collection was for the RNLI, South West Prostate Cancer and Children's Hospice South West, a number of Branch Members did attend and collect as private individuals. Similarly, the following day Sunday 18th, Branch members were unable to collect as planned at Cadbury's Garden Centre. The allocation of funds to the RNLI at the Shanty Festival are not yet available as the organisers of the festival are hoping to arrange an event when cheques will be presented to the three recipient charities. However, locally the combination of E-bay, local sales and Chris's Table raised £400 in September.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

The big Branch event was the Autumn Plant, Bulbs & Garden Jumble Sale held on the morning of Saturday 22nd October at the Winscombe Community Centre. Footfall was steady throughout the morning as punters grabbed the offers from a variety of stalls that included bulbs and winter plants; garden jumble including patio items and tubs; garden & domestic tools; and guest stalls. Results will be published next month.

RNLI WINSCOMBE FOLK NIGHT – SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER



RNLI Winscombe Folk returns on Saturday 12th November at 7:30 pm in the Winscombe Church Centre, 52, Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA for a full length concert by duo "Alden & Patterson" who last appeared at RNLI Winscombe Folk as part of a trio in September 2019 when they wowed the audience. Tickets costing £14 may be obtained from James Barattini at winscombe.folk@gmail.com or 07703 538861 and will be issued electronically; tickets must be shown at the door. Please contact James as soon as possible to book your place

and he will advise the methods of payment. This will be a

terrific concert so book early to assure your place.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Branch has been granted a second opportunity to undertake a bucket collection at Sanders Garden Centre on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th November. Mary & Albert will soon start their programme of RNLI Christmas Items and Calendar Sales so contact Mary on 01934 842075 or e-mail mary.wallace@hotmail.co.uk. On Tuesday 6th December the Branch will take part in Winscombe Late Night Shopping from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Our last appearance will be at Tesco Supermarket, Shepton Mallet on Christmas Eve, 24th December.

RNLI WINSCOMBE BRANCH REINDEER RUN – SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER

The Branch is organising its first ever 'Reindeer Run' on Sunday 4th December which will be open to everyone that wishes to run and support the RNLI. There will be two trails, a shorter 2 km trail and a longer 5 km trail, both starting from and ending back at Winscombe Cricket Club Car Park, BS25 1AZ.

The 2 km trail will be open to all ages whereas the 5 km trail will be open to anyone aged over 11 years old. Anyone under 15 years old for either trail must be accompanied by an adult over 16 years old. This is intended as a 'Fun Event' as both trails will be off-road allowing participants to stroll, walk or run the trail and fancy dress will be welcome; all finishers will receive a souvenir medal.

To take part in this fun event which will be a fund-raiser for the Branch, please register in advance on the RNLI Winscombe Branch Facebook page:

<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/831976350849360</u>. Entry fees will be £10 per adult, £5 for those under 16 and free for all under 5 years; there will also be the opportunity to secure sponsorship through a 'Just Giving' page. Participants will be able to assemble and confirm registration at the Cricket Club Car Park from 1.00 pm while the 'runs' will start at 2:00 pm. Spectators will be welcome and refreshments will be available for purchase.

The Committee are still compiling the more detailed plans and updates will become available over the next few weeks so look out for details on the RNLI website Winscombe page, local websites and the RNLI Winscombe Branch Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/831976350849360.

To contact the local organiser e-mail: tim@moransonline.com."

SEPTEMBER RESCUES

In September there were thirteen shouts between our four lifeboat stations (Burnham-on-Sea 1, Minehead 5, Portishead 1 & Weston-super-Mare 6). Burnham-on-Sea RNLI volunteers were paged by Milford Haven Coastguard at 00.15 on 4th September, to assist with a missing person search off Brean beach. Both lifeboats were launched at around 00.30 and the crews proceeded to carry out shoreline searches, aided by night sight, thermal imaging and flares.

Nathan Meager was on his first shout as an Atlantic 85 helm and described what happened, 'Both boats launched to conduct a shore line search for a missing person. The crew of D class lifeboat, Burnham Reach, searched from Burnham jetty towards Brean Down, while the crew of the Atlantic lifeboat, Doris Day and Brian, searched just North of Berrow church to Brean Down. Our night sight, thermal image camera and flares were all used in the search. It ended in a good result as we were eventually stood down by Milford Haven Coastguard control when the person was found and in the hands of Burnham-on-sea coastguards and Police. We returned to Burnham jetty for recovery at 01.30 by our shore crew. I got home about 02.30.'

CHRISTINA ALDEN & ALEX PATTERSON

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'A MILESTONE FOR CONTEMPORARY FOLK SONGWRITING' - BRIGHT YOUNG FOLK

8 PM SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2022 TICKETS £14 from: <u>winscombe.folk@gmail.com</u> 07703 538861 ST JAMES' CHURCH HALL 52 WOODBOROUGH RD WINSCOMBE BS25 IBA

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2 Km Trail – Open to All * 5 Km Trail – Aged over 11 Years * Assemble at Winscombe Cricket Club Car Park from 1:00pm Runs start at 2:00pm Register in advance on the Branch Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/831976350849360 * Stroll/Walk/Run - Off-Road Trails - Fancy Dress welcome – All Finishers receive a Souvenir Medal Spectators Welcome - Refreshments available Organiser Contact E-mail Time moransonline.com

West Mendip Orchestra Concert



John Johnson Director of Music

Helen Grey Leader



Overture to the Merry Wives of Windsor Slavonic Dances Symphony No 1 in G Minor Otto Nicolai Antonín Dvořák Vasily Kalinnikov

Friday 25th November 2022, 7:45pm

All Saints Church, All Saints Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2NL

Tickets £10 (concessions £8, students £2) Available on the door

www.west-mendip-orchestra.org.ukCharity no. 1041826Supported by The Mortlock Memorial Fund

Churchill & Langford Village Fund Village Fund Village Fund Featuring Local Fun and Folk Musician: Barry Walsh **Professional Man of Magic: Oz Symons** Magic n' Music Evening Saturday 12th November from 7pm **Churchill Memorial Hall** Licensed Bar £10 to Include Chilli Supper **Tickets from Churchill Post Office & Stores** or On-line* Via www.churchillpc.org.uk *Service Charge Applies

Winscombe Hill Toad Patrol - Save our Toads!



Every spring many hundreds of toads cross Winscombe Hill/Church Road in North Somerset on their migration to their breeding ponds. Many don't make it.

Local volunteers have set up a 'Toad Patrol' to try to rescue them from the road, but it is a busy road used as a 'rat-run' and despite our best efforts hundreds are

squashed by vehicles every year, threatening the survival of the population. You may have seen groups of people patrolling Winscombe Hill, Church Road and all adjoining lanes, on Spring evenings, carrying buckets and torches.

Toads have declined by a catastrophic 68% across the UK in the last 30 years. They have a synchronised spring migration, moving en masse between their hibernation sites and their breeding ponds, along ancient migration routes that long pre-date the road network. Therefore they have no choice but to cross any roads intersecting the two. This is where the 'Toad Patrol' steps in. Migration occurs at night, so volunteers meet at dusk, fanning out along the roads to help toads, frogs and newts to cross safely during periods of busy traffic.

Our efforts are supported by various organisations including North Somerset Council, The Reptile and Amphibian Group for Somerset (RAGS), Froglife UK and the Amphibian and Reptile Groups of the UK (ARG-UK)

Yet we can prevent the loss of our local toad population here in Winscombe by temporarily closing the stretch of road between Winscombe Hall Care Centre and the junction of Church Road with the A371. This need only occur during the migration period from the beginning of February until the end of March and only during the hours of darkness, when toads are on the move. This would not affect those needing access, but would encourage others to the simple alternative routes that exist.

There are many patrols operating very successfully in this way, notably in Charlcombe, Bath where the mortality rate has decreased by an amazing 75%.

Authority to temporarily close the road lies in the hands of Winscombe Parish Council and North Somerset Council. John Penrose, MP for his constituency, is supportive and will present the petition to the relevant authorities. We urge you, please, to sign the petition, to demonstrate your support for local wildlife.

PLEASE help us to ensure that these charismatic creatures continue to survive and support our aim by signing our petition through change.org by using the following link <u>https://Chng.it/Zwj8hM7Qm2</u>

ALL SAINTS SOUP AND 'PUD' LUNCH



Thank you to all those who supported this event. We raised £435.60 for All Saints Church. A special thanks to all those who donated soups and puddings which enabled us to raise these funds for our Church.



A New Defibrillator in Churchill



Churchill and Langford Parish Council have provided a defibrillator to the wall of Pro-Heating Langford Road, Langford. A big thank you to Shaun and Lindsay from Pro-Heating for all their support of the project.

Due to having only one defibrillator in the parish which is located at the village hall, councillors felt with an increased number of residents and overall growth of the village more than one defibrillator was vital for the safety of local residents.

Defibrillation shock administered within 3 to 5 minutes of collapse can

produce survival rates as high as 50 - 70%. Each minute of delay to defibrillation reduces the probability of survival by 10% so every minute is vital.

Defibrillators are fully automatic and are housed in a temperature-controlled, lit cabinet. The unit can be used by anyone, as it provides full audible instructions.

Defibrillators in our Villages

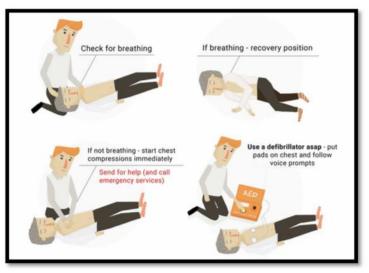
Winscombe

- On the front wall of the Cricket Club at the recreation ground
- On the wall by the main entrance to the Community Centre

Sandford

- On the front wall of Thatchers Reception, Myrtle Farm, Station Road Churchill
 - On the Memorial Hall, Ladymead Lane
 - At Pro-Heating, Langford Road, Langford

Defibrillators are designed to be as easy as possible to use. They will tell you how to use them so even if you've never been trained you should try your hardest.





Friday 16th December 7.30 pm

at the Church Centre

Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA

Save the date!

Tickets available soon.





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Wrington Vale Inner Wheel Quiz Night

7.00 pm for 7.15 pm start

Friday 11th November

The Church Centre, Winscombe BS25 1BA

Tickets £5 per person (Buy tickets individually or for teams of 4 people) **Please bring your own drinks Lite bites - Raffle** Tickets available from Pru Witter on 01934 853868

In aid of Local Inner Wheel Charities



A Formal, And Not So Formal, Welcome

The final step of Bishop Michael becoming the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells will take place when he is installed at a service at Wells Cathedral on Saturday, 12th November.

While Bishop Michael legally became Bishop of Bath and Wells in June, and has already been out and about visiting parishes and deaneries, the service in November marks his formal welcome to the diocese.

People from across Bath and Wells, many of whom have been involved in the selection and interview process, will have a role in the service. They include school children and young people, people from church communities across Bath and Wells, community and charity representatives, and local leaders of other faiths.

On the morning of the service, which will take place at 3pm, Bishop Michael will attend morning prayer at Bath Abbey and travel back to Wells using a range of forms of transport, meeting and greeting the people of Bath and Wells along the way.

Bishop Michael says, "Before I was interviewed for the role of Bishop of Bath and Wells my wife Lizzie and I undertook a 60 mile walk around the diocese so it felt only fitting to undertake a similar pilgrimage on the morning of my installation. I hope to meet many people of Bath and Wells along the way as I travel by foot, electric bike, bus, tractor and lorry from Bath, through Peasedown St John, Chilcompton and back into Wells in time for the service."

The ticketed service will be livestreamed via the <u>Bath and Wells Facebook page</u> so individuals and churches across the diocese and beyond can share in the occasion.



The historic cope of the Bishop of Bath and Wells is being restored ahead of the installation.

Called to Walk the Way of the Cross



A message from the Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

As I prepare to be installed as the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells on 12th November, I have been reading and re-reading the charge given to me by the Archbishop

of Canterbury when I was legally confirmed as bishop back in June. The charge can be found on <u>the diocesan website</u>. Please do take a look at what it says.

The charge is terrifying. It calls me to walk the way of the cross. It urges me to rely not on my own strength, but on that provided by the Lord. The charge asks me to 'speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable' (Proverbs 3:18). It reminds me that I am to be the shepherd of the flock entrusted to me. It also includes calls to be committed to the highest standards of safeguarding and care of the environment.

Reading my charge makes me wonder whether I have been invited to impersonate the Archangel Gabriel! Thankfully it also includes words which act to make the whole thing possible. Chief among these is this phrase: I am called to 'build a church where each stone is valued'. Drawing on the writings of the First Letter of Peter (see Chapter 2), the charge calls me to remember that I'm not doing this all alone. We are doing it all together.

I've already been discovering this as I've travelled around Somerset attending worship in different churches and meeting new clergy colleagues. The installation will see people gather from across the county, committing together to our vision of 'Living and Telling the Story of Jesus'. Undertaking that task with authenticity and integrity is the greatest charge of all. It's one that I'm looking forward to sharing with you.

Every blessing

Bishop Michael

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